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To amend several Acts for creeting or establishing public Infirmaries or Hospitals, in *Ireland*, so far as relates to the Salaries and Allowances of the Surgeons and Apothecaries of such Infirmaries or Hospitals.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS by an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for erecting and establishing public Infirmaries or Hospitals in *Ireland*, it is enacted, that the Surgeons to be chosen or appointed for the respective County Infirmaries or Hospitals, should be paid by the year a Sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds, to be paid out of the Public Money, in manner as in the said recited Act is mentioned:

Preamble: Irish Act. 5 Geo. III. c. 20, sec. 5. Salary to Surgeons of Infirmaries, £.100.

And whereas the said Sum, from the great increase in the price of the Necessaries of Life, and other circumstances, is inadequate to the fair remuneration of the Services of such Surgeon; and in consequence thereof, it has been found impossible, in some Counties, to procure Persons, properly qualified according to Law, to accept such Situations:

Such Salary inadequate.

BE it therefore Enacted by The KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT from and after the
it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of the several Counties
2 in the said recited Act mentioned, and of all other Counties, and Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns, in *Ireland*, and they are hereby required, either at the Spring or Summer Assizes to be holden in and for any such County,

Grand Juries may present a Sum, not exceeding in addition.

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County, County of a City, or County of a Town, in *Ireland*, in each year to present any sum not exceeding to be raised in the County at large, or in the County of a City, or County of a Town, and to be paid to the Surgeon of the Infirmary or Hospital in such County, County of a City, or County of a Town; and which Sum shall be in addition to the Salary which any such Surgeon is entitled to receive under or by virtue of the before recited Act of the Fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, or of any other Act or Acts in force in *Ireland*, relating to such Infirmaries or Hospitals.

Certificate of good Conduct of the Surgeon, shall be previously laid before the Grand Jury; as also, a Copy of his Letters Testimonial, under Stat. 36 Geo. III. (I.) c. 9, sec. 3.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That before any such Presentment shall be made by the Grand Jury of any County, County of a City or County of a Town in *Ireland*, there shall be laid before such Grand Jury, at the Assizes, a Certificate signed by the Governors of such Infirmary or Hospital, or by of them at the least, at a Meeting to be holden by them in the month of preceding such Assizes, stating that the Surgeon for whom such additional Salary is requested to be presented, has duly and faithfully executed his duty as Surgeon of 3
such Infirmary or Hospital, during the preceding year: Provided also, that in all cases where any such Surgeon of any Infirmary or Hospital shall have been appointed to be such Surgeon, at any time subsequent to the passing of an Act, made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Thirty-sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the further "regulation of public Infirmaries or Hospitals," a true Copy (certified under the hand of the Treasurer of such Infirmary or Hospital) of the Letters Testimonial from the College of Surgeons in *Ireland*, required by the said Act to be obtained by every such Surgeon, shall be laid before such Grand Jury previous to the requiring or making of any such Presentment.

Where no Residence is allotted to Surgeon, Governors may pay a Sum as House Rent for Surgeons.

And be it further Enacted, That in all cases where the Surgeon of a County Infirmary or Hospital, shall not have a Residence allotted to him, attached or near to such Infirmary, it shall and may be lawful for the Governors of such Infirmary or Hospital, out of the Funds which the Grand Jury are empowered to present for the use of such Infirmary or Hospital, by any Act now in force for that purpose, to apply any Sum not exceeding 4
to be paid for House Rent for the Residence of such Surgeon; provided that such House, so to be occupied by such Surgeon, shall not be at a greater distance than from such Infirmary.

Grand Jury may present a Sum, as a Superannuation to Surgeons having served 25 years, and being removed.

And be it further Enacted, That whenever and so often as it shall happen that the Governors of any County Infirmary or Hospital in *Ireland*, shall remove and dismiss the Surgeon of such Infirmary or Hospital, on account of Age or Infirmity, it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of such County, County of a City, or County of a Town (the Surgeon of which has been so removed and dismissed), at every Spring Assizes to be holden for such County, County of a City, or County of a Town, during the Lifetime of such Surgeon so removed and dismissed, to present a Sum not exceeding to be paid to such Surgeon:

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Provided always, That an Affidavit made by such Surgeon, before some Justice of the Peace (and which Affidavit any one Justice of the Peace is hereby required to administer) be first laid before such Grand Jury, stating that he had served the office of Surgeon of such County Infirmary for the space of Years, and that he has not, since his
5 dismissal, been appointed Surgeon to any other County Infirmary or Hospital.

Governors may give a Salary to an Apothecary, for making up Medicines found by the Governors.

And be it further Enacted, That in case the Governors of any Infirmary or Hospital shall deem it most economical, or otherwise advisable to procure the Medicines for the use of such Infirmary from Apothecaries Hall in Dublin, or from any Wholesale Dealer in Medicines, it shall be lawful for such Governors (out of the Funds presented by the Grand Jury of the County, County of a City, or County of a Town, in which such Infirmary or Hospital shall be situated, for the support of any such Infirmary or Hospital, by virtue of the Powers vested in them by any Act or Acts in force for that purpose) to appropriate and pay to any Apothecary who shall have duly served an Apprenticeship to the Art and Mystery of an Apothecary, a Sum by the year not exceeding as a Salary for the compounding, making up, preparing and administering Medicines to and for the use of Patients of such Infirmary or Hospital; provided that it shall appear to the satisfaction of such Governors, that such Apothecary hath diligently and faithfully executed the duties of his Office as aforesaid.

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